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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any co-pending patent applications, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

1. **DE 37 24 460** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
2. **EP 0 958 811** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
3. **EP 0 959 092** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language abstract submitted herewith.
4. **FR 2 533 209** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,600,526, submitted herewith.
5. **FR 2 776 510** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
6. **Jean Morelle, "Lipoaminoacides et Cosmétologie," Parfums Cosmétiques Savons de France, paris, Vol. 3, No. 1, February 1, 1973, pages 82-93** - This document is cited in the priority application's French Search Report, submitted herewith.
7. **L. Rasseneur et al., "Influence des Différents Constituants de la Couche Cornée sur la Mesure de son Élasticité," International Journal of Cosmetic Science, Vol. 4, No. 6, December 1982, pages 247-260** - This document is cited at page 14 of the specification.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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